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STRIKERS ON TRIAL.

The Hearing in the Cases of Arrested Fairmont Miners

AT CLARKSBURG YESTERDAY.

Motion to Dismiss Prisoners Overruled by Judge Goff.

WHO STATES THE SITUATION

To be One of Contempt of Court in Disregarding the Injunction Issued by Judge Jackson--Entire Day Taken Up with Examination of Witnesses for the Prosecution--The Case May Occupy Attention of the Court the Rest of the Week--Men in Pittsburgh District Attempt to Resume Marching, but are Driven Back to Camp--Operators Effect a Permanent Organization.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 19.--At precisely a quarter of ten this morning the twenty-seven striking miners who were committed to the Clarksburg jail last night filed slowly through the prison corridor and marched down toward the United States court house. They were in charge of six deputy marshals, and an excited throng followed them. Sheriff Lang said they had been quiet and orderly while in the jail, and it is thought by many that they are glad the order to imprison them was carried out, as they anticipate it will create a great deal of sympathy for their cause. In fact, they already have many sympathizers. The miners have selected as their attorneys John W. Davis, esq., late professor in Washington and Lee university, son of ex-Congressman John J. Davis, and Winfield Scott. Judge Fleming is assigned to the prosecution by Hon. W. S. Meredith.

The crowd assembled at an early hour, and by the time the prisoners arrived there was only standing room in the court house and corridors. The trial was called promptly at ten o'clock and the first move of Mr. Davis for the defense came as a surprise to the other side. It was a motion to dismiss the prisoners because their arrest was irregular. He maintained that a regular writ should have been issued by the court in each particular case.

Motion to Dismiss Overruled. After a spirited discussion Judge Goff overruled the motion on the ground that the strikers were charged with disregarding an order of the federal court, and the crime was that of contempt of court. The injunction in question had been issued and was a law of the land. This being true it must be maintained and protected whether right or wrong. "Courts may err," said the judge, "and courts do err, but an appeal may be taken to a higher court and the matter there corrected. The question to be determined was whether these men had wilfully violated the order of the court. On this the evidence would be heard. Parties would cut no figure, the poorest and most illiterate striker would have his cause impartially dealt with."

The entire day was spent in examining witnesses for the United States. The proof up to this point tends to show that the marching miners had encamped near the Montana mines, that they had done considerable marching with drums and bands, carrying flags and mottoes; that this marching although in the country road was along the way the working miners must pass, that they were intimidated by these demonstrations and many were afraid to go to work.

So far the evidence fails to show that the miners engaged in any disorderly acts, or at any time went on the property of the mine owners. At 6 p. m. the court took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow. The complainants have not yet gotten through with their witnesses, and the defense will examine a great many, so the hearing promises to last all week. The strikers were returned to the jail to-night.

MINERS MARCHED

But were Driven Back to Camp--Deputies Closing in on Them.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 19.--The striking campers at Plum Creek and Turtle Creek marched again to-day, after the programme arranged, in couples one hundred feet apart. The deputies formed a line across the road and warned them back as fast as each pair came up. Each side wanted the other to take the aggressive, but both factions were wary and neither advanced beyond a certain point. The strikers then returned to camp, but a few of them later managed to escape the deputies and got among some of the miners in the company houses, doing considerable missionary work.

It was decided to march again to-morrow, but it is doubtful if they will have any better success than they had to-day. The deputies have been gradually closing in on the camps and will continue to do so, it is said, until the men will not be allowed to leave the camp. This would virtually place them under arrest.

The women are doing good missionary work, although they did not march as anticipated. They are still making it as uncomfortable for the working miners and deputies as they know how. If the attempt to pass the deputies is successful in the morning, the women will join the ranks on Saturday.

The farmers from the surrounding country contributed large donations of provisions and garden truck to the campers to-day. The reduction in the camp forces have given a new lease of life to the food supply and it will last for some days to come in the present state. The number of men now in the two camps is one hundred and seventy-five. Many of the men who were discharged from active service, are still in the neighborhood of the camp. Some have started across the country to their homes, and others are endeavoring to secure work in the Irwin mines.

Another mass meeting at Plum Creek is talked of and may be held at the camp, either to-morrow or Monday night. It will be in the nature of an outside demonstration, as many townspeople are expected to be present.

The officials of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company are jubilant to-day, and say if their men are left alone, the mines will soon be in full operation. Superintendent De Armitz would not say how much the output was increased to-day, but said it was substantial. Eight cars of lump and slack was mined at Plum Creek and about twelve cars at Turtle Creek.

As a result of Cameron Miller's efforts, the Purdue mines, in the Mercer field, were shut down to-day. They employ

over one hundred men and have a daily capacity of two hundred and fifty tons.

A BALD-FACED FAKE.

The Story About Printers Refusing to Set the Injunction Without Foundation.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Aug. 19.--The dispatch sent out from this place last night to the effect that all the printers in the town refused to set the type on Judge Jackson's ruling concerning the injunction granted the Montana Coal and Coke Company, did not contain a word of truth. The fact is the work was done by the regular employees of the Fairmont Index office, and there was no objection whatever made to doing it by any printer. The printers of Fairmont have ordinary common sense and would not be guilty of such childishness.

Like the story about the miner being refused a burial ground for his dead child, this fake was imposed upon the Associated Press, which great news gathering association probably does not know that its correspondent is also the special correspondent of individual papers that are noted for their sensational and exaggerated reports from this region.

QUIET AT FAIRMONT.

No Developments Since the Arrests of the Strikers.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Aug. 19.--There have been no new developments or breaks since the arrest of the striking miners at the Montana mines yesterday morning.

Camp O'Connell was the scene of considerable excitement last night, but no definite plan of action was decided on. There was no marching at those mines this morning, but quite a number of them went to the shaft of the West Fairmont Coal and Coke Company, early this morning. They were met by the deputies, who informed them the injunction applied to this mine also, and they then left without making any demonstration. The mines of the Montana company are running to-day to their full capacity.

OPERATORS ORGANIZE

To Carry Out the Decision to Start Up the Mines.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 19.--The coal operators followed up their meeting of last night by a conference this afternoon, which was kept secret until this evening. The meeting was well attended and a permanent organization was effected.

The fact that the operators of the Pittsburgh district have not had an organization for more than a year was talked over and it was decided to form an organization for the special purpose of breaking the strike. Peter M. Hitchcock, president of the Moon Run Coal Company, was made president, C. M. Baine, of Morgan, Moore & Baine, was chosen secretary, and J. C. Dyrast, of the Chartiers Block Coal Company, treasurer. The aggregate output represented at the meeting to-day was 5,000,000 tons a year.

An agreement was drawn up which provides that the signers shall pay assessments based on the producing capacity of their mines to a fund to be raised for the purpose of paying the expense of the strike. The telephone was kept busy all afternoon and many Pittsburgh operators sent word that they would sign, even though not present at the meeting. A committee of seven was appointed to carry on the campaign.

Col. W. P. Read after the meeting said: "We propose to operate our mines and if our own men will not work then others will take their places. I would much rather that a conference be held and the troubles adjusted before we take the step we intend to, which, just as sure as the sun rises will be the means of operating the mines at our pleasure."

Refuse the Terms.

HAZLETON, Pa., Aug. 19.--A meeting of the striking miners was held to-day. Chairman McMullin, of the mediation committee, returned from New York, where he had been in consultation with the officials of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. He read a letter from C. H. Warren, assistant to the president, assuring the men that the company would pay the same wages as other companies, give them the choice of their own doctors and will institute an investigation of the charges against the superintendent Jones. If the men return to work, the English speaking miners generally favored returning to work, but when the Italian and Hungarian understood the offer, they voted down the motion to resume work. Of the 1,500 men present, only about ten favored returning to work before the investigation shall be started and the wages restored.

Coal Operator Sued.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 19.--W. P. Read, the coal operator, was made defendant in a bill in equity filed this morning by the Redstone Oil, Coal and Coke Company to secure an accounting on a contract.

The plaintiff, which is a Fayette county corporation, alleges that on December 16, 1895, the defendant entered into an agreement to mine coal and manufacture coke until January 1, 1897, and that it was to be sold by the defendant, while the profits were to be equally divided. It is declared the defendant refuses to account for his part of the transaction and that it is impossible to secure a proper settlement. An order is asked for directing Read to file an account and pay over the amount alleged to be due.

Supt. De Armitz Arrested.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 19.--Samuel DeArmitz, brother of William P. DeArmitz, who has been very active in the interests of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company during the strike, was finally arrested this afternoon on the several charges of assault, larceny and disorderly conduct, warrants on which were issued several days ago, but which could not be served because DeArmitz was under the protection of the sheriff's deputies. The suits are brought by former employees of the company and their wives and have been noticed in these dispatches. Mr. DeArmitz was taken before an alderman and gave bail in \$1,000 for court.

Labor Unions to the Rescue.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 19.--A meeting of labor organizations to-night attended by representatives of practically every union in this city and Allegheny passed radical resolutions in favor of striking miners and agreed to support them morally and financially in their struggle. It was agreed that as fast as the miners' leaders were arrested for carrying on the strike, leaders from the several unions represented, would be substituted and a supreme test be made. As one delegate expressed it,

there will not be prison room in the county to accommodate all who are willing to be arrested under the circumstances.

A GRAND COUP

To be Played by Mine Workers--Will Attempt to Draw in Federated Unions and Tie Up Railroad Traffic.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 19.--The officials of the United Mine Workers have awakened to a full realization to the fact that a crisis is at hand in the great strike and are preparing for a final effort. The proceedings of the meeting of the national executive board have been guarded with the greatest secrecy, but enough has been learned to indicate that plans are being laid for a grand coup. It was learned at midnight from an official source that a resolution was adopted by the national board providing for the calling of a conference of all federated unions at St. Louis August 30. The purpose is to secure the co-operation of all these organizations. They will be asked not merely for sympathy but to join in the great strike. The plan is to tie up traffic on the railroads and in other channels of business so that the supply of coal may be effectively cut off and thus force the operators to negotiate for a general settlement of the wage question. Failing in this the miners' officials do not intimate what course will be taken.

Sympathy with Strikers.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 19.--At this morning's session of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union National convention, a resolution was adopted extending sympathy to the striking miners in western Pennsylvania. Judge P. H. Smith, of this city, and one of the superior court judges of the state, addressed the convention.

BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Convention Winds Up in an Enthusiastic Outburst of Patriotism.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 19.--The twenty-third annual convention of the American Bankers' Association, came to an end at 1 o'clock this afternoon. According to precedent, First Vice President Joseph C. Hendrix, of New York, was raised to the office of president. George H. Russell, of Detroit, received a large majority of the votes for first vice president, though the nominating committee had recommended F. W. Tracy, of Illinois, for the honor.

The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for the state vice presidents and the executive council members. The members of the executive committee elected are: J. G. Cannon, New York; P. W. Huntington, Ohio; R. J. Lowry, Georgia; J. B. Findlay, Pennsylvania; J. C. Sands, West Virginia.

The list of members of the executive council named by the delegates of the various state associations were: F. G. Bigelow, Wisconsin; J. P. Branch, Virginia; D. W. Garrels, Missouri; A. G. Campbell, Mississippi; J. C. Hunter, Minnesota.

Business was transacted with a rush to-day, a number of papers having been carried over from yesterday. Several papers were ordered printed, without being read.

Luncheon at the great distillery of Hiram Walker & Sons, at Walkerville, Ontario, and a boat ride this afternoon wound up the social features of the meeting. While at Walkerville several impromptu speeches were made. Retiring President Lowry responded to repeated calls, and was followed in rapid succession by Messrs. Hendrix, Russell, Leathers, Powers, Jordan and others. Then the twenty-third convention of the American Bankers' Association terminated in a combined burst of patriotism and good fellowship, cries of acclamation for the stars and stripes, and "God save the Queen" rising together from a thousand throats. The band played "Dixie" and "Yankee Doodle" alternately, and the delegates from all sections of the country united in pronouncing the convention an unqualified success.

IN THE GOLD FIELDS.

People Preparing to Make a Descent to the Klondike Region.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 19.--The Associated Press correspondent writes from Lake Linderman as follows: LAKE LINDERMAN, N. W. T., Aug. 7.--On Lakes Linderman and Bennett are nearly five hundred people, actively making preparations and building boats for the descent to the Klondike. The Skagway trail is open and the first contingent reached Tagish lake on Thursday last numbering two hundred people. The trail is nearly fifty miles long and horses are able to pack two hundred and fifty pounds from Salt Water to Tagish. Nearly 1,000 people are in camp at Skagway and it is expected that they will reach the lakes in ten days. The route will take nearly all of the travel from the Dyea route except during the winter and spring months. The opening of the Skagway road is sure to cause travel to continue as late as September 15. At present the Dyea trail is blocked with freight and passengers, and to complicate matters, the Chilcot Indians have struck for twenty cents a pound, which makes the cost of flour laid down at this place \$11 a sack.

STONED TO DEATH

Cruel Murder of Rev. H. H. Burgoyne, an Aged Methodist Preacher.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Aug. 19.--Rev. H. H. Burgoyne, aged sixty years, a highly respected Methodist minister of Hulings, Tucker county, W. Va., was murdered at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Coleman Pitzer, young day laborer, is charged with the deed. He was committed to jail at Parsons, and to-day made a confession to Sheriff Harper, charging his brother Lewis with the crime. No one saw the murder. Both men were to-day remanded to jail without bail for the action of the November grand jury.

The murder, which it seems was most cruel and unprovoked, has thoroughly aroused the community, which has not yet recovered from the shock occurred only three miles further south a few months ago, and lynching is freely talked of. The trouble arose from a bill which Coleman Pitzer held against Rev. Burgoyne. Last night he asked the preacher to pay it. When the latter said he had not the money, at the same time asking Pitzer to wait a little while longer, he was assailed by the Pitzers with stones. He was badly cut on the neck and head, a furious bombardment being kept up on the old man as he attempted to make his escape. He was at last felled with a large sharp stone, which struck him on the back of the neck, breaking it. Death was instantaneous. The Pitzers are regarded as worthless fellows. Rev. Burgoyne was identified with the community for many years.

THEY ARE WAITING

For the Decision of Ratchford on the Proposition

TO ARBITRATE THE TROUBLES.

If the President of United Mine Workers Refuses to Consider Overtures of Operators They Will Immediately Start Their Mines with Imported Men--It is Intimated that the Miners' Executive Board at its Meeting To-day Will Agree to a Conference to be Held in Pittsburgh To-morrow.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 19.--The meeting of the local coal operators to-day and to-night will bring about one of two results. Either arbitration will settle the strike or the mines will be started with imported men. To-morrow will decide which course will be pursued. The operators are evidently in favor of arbitration in preference to a forcible opening of their mines. This was evidenced to-day when Messrs. Murray and Osborne, representing the meeting, wired National President Ratchford at Columbus, asking if Saturday next would be suitable for a conference at Pittsburgh of both sides.

The Read and Robbins interests last night telegraphed Ratchford asking him to come to Pittsburgh to try and settle the strike. District President Dolan followed the telegram to Columbus and has been endeavoring by personal persuasion to bring about such a meeting. Dolan to-day telegraphed that Ratchford was willing to confer, but preferred not to meet with the Pittsburgh operators only, but with the inter-state representation. The telegram sent by the meeting to-day insisted that Indiana and Illinois would not consent to a conference and it now remains with President Ratchford to say whether or not he will meet with the Pittsburgh operators and trust to the others to follow the decision there made.

It is believed that a conference will be held here on Saturday because just after the session of the operators had adjourned, Col. Read received a telegram from his son Joseph, who is in Columbus, saying: "Dolan says Saturday will be selected for conference. Executive board will be in session to-morrow." It is inferred from this that Ratchford has concluded to attend the conference. When Mr. Dolan went to Columbus last night he was given absolute authority by Read, Robbins and others to arrange for unqualified arbitration, and he has been working to this end all day. Should the arbitration meeting not be arranged for, it was decided by the operators at their meeting to-night that immediate preparations for starting their mines non-union shall be begun. The meeting adjourned until to-morrow morning to give time for Ratchford to answer officially. Should Ratchford reply he adverse, mines will be started in a few days. Machine mines will be selected for the initial movement, a none of the pick mine owners care for hostilities to begin at their mines.

From expressions used by the operators to-night they are more determined than ever to start their mines, peaceably or otherwise.

Union Veterans' Union.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 19.--A long contest over admission of delegates from the three departments of Washington and Kentucky to the national encampment of the Union Veteran Union ended with seating the delegates. The provisional commander, M. A. Dillon, of Washington department, resigned. Washington and Potomac departments united in the department of the Potomac. Special order of the Commander-in-chief Wood appointed Colonel Frank E. Farnham, Massachusetts, judge advocate general, vice General J. H. Roberts, resigned. They also created the department of Missouri with W. S. Betts provisional commander; department of Minnesota, with Hugh Longstaff provisional commander. The national Women's Veteran Relief Union elected as president Mrs. Hortense White, of Fremont, O.; senior vice president, Mrs. Ada B. Johnson, Binghamton, N. Y.

Catholic Benevolent Union.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 19.--The Irish Catholic Benevolent Union National convention was brought to a close this afternoon, and Providence, R. I., was chosen for next year's convention. The following officers were elected: Daniel Duffy, of St. Clair, Pa., president; J. J. Bohan, of Kingston, Canada, first vice president; Miss Kate Gorman, of Providence, R. I., second vice president; A. Boyle, of Philadelphia, secretary; T. J. Foley, of Camden, N. J., treasurer; C. C. Driscoll, of Nashville, Tenn.; M. P. Kane, of Shamokin, Pa., and J. F. Fogarty, of Providence, R. I., executive committee. The assessment insurance plan submitted by the constitutional amendment committee, was adopted. The delegates are to-night being plotted through the steel mills and mines, and later their visit will close with a reception at the Young Men's Institute rooms.

An Artificial Earthquake.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 19.--What was at first thought to have been an earthquake felt at a score of places along the lake this morning, turns out to have been the blowing up of a powder and dynamite magazine at Port Colborne, Ont., about 18 miles from here. About 5:30 this morning lightning struck the magazine of John Reed, located a half mile west of that place. The shock shattered windows in all the houses of Port Colborne, awoke all the residents of the town and heaved up the waters of the Welland canal. The only person nearby was the watchman employed in a lime kiln and glass factory close by. He escaped uninjured. There is nothing left to show where the lightning struck.

Officers of Daughters of America.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 19.--The national council of the Daughters of America elected the following officers and adjourned: Counselor, L. B. Kennedy, of Maryland; O. associate counselor, J. E. Anderson, East Liverpool, O.; vice counselor, J. B. Rawlinson, Rahway, N. J.; associate vice counselor, Mrs. Jennie Kruse, Baltimore; conductor, Mrs. Jennie C. Luck, Nashville; warden, Mrs. Mary Starr, Bridgeport, Conn.; inside sentinel, Mrs. Carrie Thayer, Binghamton, N. Y.; national outside sentinel, Pearl Finley, Chester, W. Va.; trustee, Mrs. Mary Boram, Baltimore; treasurer, Charles W. Morris, Wellsville, Ohio.

Carlists Preparing to Rise.

MADRID, Aug. 19.--Unconfirmed reports are in circulation at Valencia to the effect that the Carlists in the district of Chelva are preparing to rise.

SOME SALOONS CLOSED

In Sistersville, but They All Happen to be Run by Republicans--Favoritism Alleged--Injunctions May Issue.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

SISTERSVILLE, Aug. 19.--The great fight between the speak-easy men and the city and county authorities has commenced, and was precipitated last evening when the mayor sent the chief of police to several of the saloons in the city and told them to close their places at midnight, and keep them closed. This would not have been so bad had it not been that only a few of the places were ordered to close and the rest of them are open to-day and doing business. This, of course, makes those who were compelled to close a little sore, and it is understood that the intention is to make an attempt to close all of the places or leave them all run until the first of next month, the time when Judge Freer, of the circuit court, ordered all of them to close up, or he would send them to jail.

The saloon question in this city has been a troublesome one ever since oil was found here, and it has been a hard matter to control the business. All oil towns are noted for being great saloon towns, and of course when this town was first opened up there were speaking easels all around. The city council and the county authorities wrestled with the question for a long time and finally they solved it after a fashion. It was decided to allow the places to run and to fine them once a month. For the past three years this sort of thing has been going on and it is likely would have continued, but at the last election a new set of county officials were put in office and at the first term of court over 1,500 indictments were found in this county against speak-easy men, and the majority of the indictments were against the people in this city.

When the cases came up for trial the judges gave them all a fine and suspended jail sentence, but ordered each of the places to close up within thirty days or he would issue a capias for each one and send them to jail. One peculiar thing about the places closed is that all of the proprietors are Republicans while none of the Democrats were molested.

This afternoon a prominent attorney of the city went to Parkersburg, where Judge Freer now is, and will ask for an injunction restraining the other places in the city from running, and if it is granted all of the places will be closed within the next couple of days. The case is commencing to get interesting and a great many people are anxiously awaiting the outcome.

Peabody Scholarships Awarded.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 19.--

The result of the state competitive examination to award the seven Peabody scholarships which fall to West Virginia, has been announced. The examination was held in the Clarksburg city school building about two weeks ago. Regent Harvey W. Harmer conducting it. The fortunate ones are: Misses Hortense and Beatrice Morris, daughters of Hon. Presley W. Morris, of the Ritchie Gazette; H. H. Deitz, Huntington; Mary Sheetz, Charleston; Martha Copeman, Kingwood; Olive Hodges, Harrisville, and W. H. McMillan, Good Hope.

Murderer Voters Break Jail.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 19.--Albert Volers, convicted of the murder of Charles Gibson and John Cochran and sentenced to be hanged at Fayetteville next Tuesday, escaped from jail last night by the aid of outside parties, and is now at large. The guards were on duty at the time, but they claim to have been "doped." Volers took a west-bound Chesapeake & Ohio train, and is now probably out of the state. The sheriff and several deputies are in pursuit.

Fireman Killed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, W. Va., Aug. 19.--An Erbacon, Gauley line special passenger train ran into the rear end of a freight yesterday evening. Two cars, the caboose and an engine were demolished, and Clarence Peck, the fireman, was killed.

IOWA POPULISTS.

Peffer Addresses the Convention Against Fusion--State Ticket Nominated.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 19.--Two hundred delegates, representing 60 counties, were present to-day when the "middle of the road" Populist state convention was called to order at 11 a. m. by Chairman A. W. C. Weeks, of Winterset. A. W. Wickler, of Iowa City, temporary chairman, addressed the convention. Senator Peffer this afternoon addressed the convention on the subject of fusion and maintaining a separate party organization. He said in the course of his speech:

"I take the ground that there ought to be, and eventually will be a general union of all voters who are opposed to the present gold standard, high tariff regime, but the most practical way of bringing about such a union is through a national conference composed of accredited persons from all opposing elements in that way agreeing upon one platform and a new party name. I am willing to abide by the conclusions of such a conference but am opposed to any other party under that party's name."

The following state ticket was placed in the field: Governor--Charles A. Lloyd, Muscatine county. Lieutenant Governor--D. L. Perkins, Lyons county. Judge supreme court--J. A. Lenburg, Wapello county.

The platform adopted, reaffirms the St. Louis and Omaha platforms; declares for direct legislation; for a "sufficient amount of sound and flexible money" for the issuance of money to state, county, township and municipal governments; the principal to be paid back to the government at 2 per cent per annum without interest; the said money to be a full legal tender.

Roughers on a Strike.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 19.--A strike of the roughers against the wages paid them by the hose roller caused almost complete suspension of work at Jones & Laughlin's iron works to-day. Under the Amalgamated agreement the roughers were to be cut 7 1/2 per cent, but insisted the rollers reduced their wages 15 per cent, and the men struck. This trouble, it is predicted by some, may end in a split in the Amalgamated Association.

Pastor Found Dead.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Aug. 19.--Rev. W. H. J. Houghton, for two years past rector of St. James Episcopal church here, and of the Episcopal church of Tyrona, was found dead in bed this morning at his residence. Rev. Houghton was a native of Salt Lake City, Utah.

SHERMAN'S ANSWER

To the Last Note of the Japanese Government

ON HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

The Reply of the Secretary of State to Marked by its Friendly Expression Toward Japan--It Reiterates the Position Heretofore Taken as to the Right and Propriety of Annexing Hawaii to the United States, with the Assurance that the Interests of Japan in Sandwich Islands will be Fully Safeguarded.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.--Secretary Sherman has submitted to the Japanese government an answer to Japan's last note relating to the annexation of Hawaii to the United States. The answer was delivered to Mr. Hoshi, the Japanese minister, last Saturday. It is in reply to Japan's note of July 10, which up to that time had not been acknowledged.

Mr. Sherman's answer is marked by its friendly expression toward Japan, which gives special satisfaction in view of the somewhat strained relations resulting from the previous correspondence.

Two features were brought out by the answer: It reiterates the position heretofore taken by the secretary of state as to the right and propriety of annexing Hawaii to the United States. With this, however, is coupled an assurance that the interests of Japan in Hawaii will be fully safeguarded. It also expresses satisfaction at the plan of arbitration between Japan and Hawaii, on the question of Japanese immigration to Hawaii.

The answer is largely an elaboration of Mr. Sherman's former letter, and the policies expressed in no way differ from those previously laid down by him.

Agreed to Co-operate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.--The Canadian government and the United States have agreed upon co-operation in augmenting the postal facilities for the Klondike region and the result will shortly be evidenced in a substantial doubling of the mail service from the coast into that district. At present the district gets the benefit of mails once a month. The new arrangement will furnish an additional service, giving semi-monthly mails, the traps being sandwiched between the dates designated in the present contract of the United States.

Nearly Crazy by Suffering.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.--The state department has received official information from Matanzas that Mrs. Dominguez has been released from jail, where she was held incommunicado. The United States consul visited her and found she was suffering from nervous prostration and half crazed by the ordeal which she had passed through. She has quite a severe wound in her throat, and is in a constant state of alarm on account of her husband, who is held a prisoner.

Captain and Mate Murdered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.--A cable dispatch from Minister Conger, dated to-day at Petropolis, informs the state department the captain and mate of the American schooner Olive Packer were murdered by the crew on the high seas and that the vessel was burned. Two of the crew were arrested and are in prison at Bahia. The Olive Packer was built in Maine and was loaded with lumber from that state.

Catholic Abstention Union.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 19.--It was decided this afternoon by the Catholic Total Abstention Union of America, to hold next year's convention at Boston. The following officers were elected:

Rev. James Cleary, of Stillwater, Minn., president; J. W. Lodge, of Philadelphia, first vice president; Philip Brenon, of New Haven, second vice president; Mrs. Lenora M. Lake, of St. Louis, third vice president; Rev. Daniel McMahon, of Columbus, treasurer; Rev. A. P. Doyle, of New York, secretary. Resolutions were adopted, censuring Catholic papers for publishing liquor advertisements and urging a co-operation of Father Matthew members with non-Catholics who stand for total abstention. The sessions will continue to-morrow.

Explosion in a Syrup Factory.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Aug. 19.--An explosion of dust knocked out two walls of the elevator of the Davenport syrup refinery to-day. John Rapp and John Rahn two men in the cupola, were forced to jump sixty-five feet and were badly injured. William Wolf, a farmer, was fatally crushed and his eleven-year-old daughter was killed. Frank Stevens was also injured. The building took fire immediately and was destroyed. Loss, \$15,000; insured.

Shoe Factory Tied Up.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 19.--Pingree & Smith's shoe factory, the only union shoe shop in the city, was tied up at noon to-day, by a strike of the Dottomers. About seven hundred hands are affected. The firm is willing to arbitrate the difference, but the men claim they have already got the worst of arbitration, and demand an increase in the price of certain grades of shoes.

First Legal Hanging.

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